Discovery of India Tour

4280. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to organise a discovery of India Tour for the School children of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs):

(b) if so, the purpose of such a tour; and

(c) when the proposed tour is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The purpose of the tour is to have educational and cultural interaction between NRI children and their mother country.

(c) The proposed tour is likely to commence from the last week of June, 1992.

Introduction of Compulsory Family Planning

4281 SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM:
SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating to evolve disincentives as a means for controlling population explosion;

(b) whether the Government are aware that some countries are levying punitive income-tax, cuts in supply of essential commodities etc. to motivate the common man towards Family Planning; and

(c) whether there is any move to introduce compulsory Family Planning as permanent measure to control population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government are not aware of the levy of punitive income-tax and cuts in supply of essential commodities etc in other countries to motivate the commo man towards family planning.

(c). No, Sir.

Meeting with Principals

4282. SHRIMATI GIRIJADEVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether periodic meetings are held by the Director of Education with Principals of the Senior Secondary Schools in Delhi in which Vice-Principals are not invited, particularly those who are working under the Principals of Senior Secondary Schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and

(c) whether the Vice-Principals are also proposed to be invited to participate in such meetings for better co-ordination in the larger interest of education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Such meetings are held once a year to discuss various matters and problems faced by the heads of Govt., Govt. aided and unaided recognised private schools of various districts. Delhi Administration does not consider it necessary to invite both the Principal and Vice-Principal of each school, because the purpose for which such meetings are held, is served by the participation of the head of the school.

Losses in Sugar Industry

4283. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite cent percent utilisation of capacity, the sugar industry suffered considerable losses dirung 1990-91 and 1991-92 so far;

(b) the extent of capacity utilisation and the estimated losses suffered by the industry during these years;

(c) the present sugar production capacity in the contry;

(d)the reasons for the losses suffered, and

(e) the remedial steps taken and are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). The financial results of sugar factories vary from region to region and from factory to factory. The profita-bility depends upon various factors such as installed capacity, quantum of cane crusted, condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial effeciency as also recovery percentage of sugar from sugarcane and duration of crushing. Details of losses suffered, if any, by sugar factories are not complied.

During 1990-91 season, capacity utilisation was of the order of 122.3 percent. Current sugar production capacity as on 15.2.1992 is about 100.00 lakh tonnes. Capacity utilisation for 1991-92 season would be known only at the end of the season.

(e) Government have taken various measures to improve the viability of sugar factories which include continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45:55, grant of incentives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved during early and late crushing periods, grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest for cane development schemes as well as for modernisation/rehabilitation.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Cancer and Sidlcases Research Centre at Rajmahal, Bihar

4284. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the Health Organisations/Hospitals and various Medical Research Centres set up by the Union Government in Santhal Pargana and Chhotanagpur districts of Bihar;

(b) whether medical facilities are negligible for tribal and backward people of this area:

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up a modern hospital at Rajmahal Pahari in Sahibganj district;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to set up a cancer and Silicos Research Centre for treatment of tribal people and labourers working in coal and various mines of Rajmahal, area.

(g) if so, the details thereof: and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As health is a State subject under the Constitution, no hospital/ medical research centre has been set up by the Central Government in this area.

(b) to give special facilities to the tribal population, Tribal Sub-Plan is in operation in States/UTs. The Govt. of India has relaxed norms for setting up Sub-Centres and Primary Health Centres in Tribal areas @ 3,000 population per sub-Centre and 20,000 population per Primary Health Centre in tribal areas respectively as against the general norms of 5,000 population per sub-Centre and 30,000 population per Primary Health Centre.

(c) and (d). There is no such proposal.